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**CLAIMS** 

1. A method of synchronizing objects between a first device and a second device, wherein the first device is capable of communicating with a storage volume that can become inaccessible to the first device, the method comprising:

identifying storage volumes currently accessible to the first device; and synchronizing objects contained in storage volumes that are currently accessible to the first device.

- 2. A method as recited in claim 1, further including:
  identifying storage volumes previously accessible to the first device but not currently accessible to the first device.
- 3. A method as recited in claim 1, further including:
  identifying storage volumes previously accessible to the first device but not
  currently accessible to the first device; and

while synchronizing, ignoring objects stored on storage volumes that are not currently accessible to the first device.

- 4. A method as recited in claim 1, wherein each object comprises a plurality of data items, and wherein the synchronizing step further comprises synchronizing data items in one object with corresponding data items in another object.
  - 5. A method as recited in claim 1, wherein the objects are databases.

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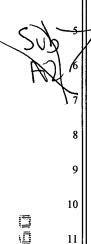
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	6.	A method a	s recited in	n claim	1,	wherein	the	first	device	identifie
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- 7. A method as recited in claim 1, wherein the storage volume that can become inaccessible to the first device is a removable memory card configured to be inserted into the first device.
- 8. A method as recited in claim 1, wherein the first device is a portable computing device.
- 9. A method as recited in claim 1, wherein the second device is a desktop computer.
  - 10. / A method as recited in claim 1, further comprising:

the second device continuing to monitor and record changes to objects stored on storage volumes that are inaccessible to the first device.

when a storage volume that was previously inaccessible becomes accessible, synchronizing objects stored on the previously inaccessible storage volume.



12. One or more computer-readable memories containing a computer program that is executable by a processor to perform the method recited in claim 1.

and a base computer, the method comprising:

storing an object on a removable storage device, wherein the removable storage device is configured to be inserted into and removed from the portable computer;

creating an association between the object and a corresponding object on the base computer; and

synchronizing the object stored on the removable storage device with the corresponding object on the base computer if the removable storage device is inserted into the portable computer.

- 14. A method as recited in claim 13, wherein the object comprises a plurality of data items and the corresponding object on the base computer comprises a plurality of corresponding data items.
- A method as recited in claim 13, wherein the object comprises a plurality of data items and the corresponding object on the base computer comprises a plurality of corresponding data items, and wherein synchronizing the object further comprises synchronizing data items in the object with the corresponding data items in the corresponding object on the base computer.

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1	16. A method as recited in claim 13, wherein the portable computer
2	determines whether the removable storage device is inserted into the portable
3	computer.
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5	17. A method as recited in claim 13, further comprising:
6	the base computer continuing to monitor and record changes to the object
7	when the removable storage device is not inserted into the portable computer.
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9	18. One or more computer-readable memories containing a computer
10	program that is executable by a processor to perform the method recited in claim
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13	19. A method of synchronizing objects between a portable computer
14	and a base computer, the method comprising:
15	identifying storage volumes currently accessible to the portable computer,
16	wherein each storage volume contains at least one object and wherein each object
17	contains a plurality of data items; and
18	synchronizing only objects contained in storage volumes that are currently
19	accessible to the portable computer.
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21	20. A method as recited in claim 19, further comprising:
22	identifying storage volumes previously accessible to the portable computer
23	but not currently/accessible to the portable computer.
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21. A method as recited in claim 19, further comprising:

identifying storage volumes previously accessible to the portable computer but not currently accessible to the portable computer; and

while synchronizing, ignoring objects stored on storage volumes that are not currently accessible to the portable computer.

- 22. A method as recited in claim 19, wherein the portable computer is capable of communicating with a removable memory card configured to be inserted into the portable computer.
  - 23. A method as recited in claim 19, further comprising:
    the base computer continuing to monitor and record changes to objects

stored on storage volumes that are inaccessible to the portable computer.

- 24. One or more computer-readable memories containing a computer program that is executable by a processor to perform the method recited in claim 19.
- 25. One or more computer-readable media having stored thereon a computer program comprising the following steps:

identifying storage volumes currently accessible to a first device;

identifying removable storage volumes previously accessible to the first device but not currently accessible to the first device; and

synchronizing only objects contained in storage volumes that are currently accessible to the first device.

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One or more computer-readable media as recited in claim 25 further 26. comprising:

during a synchronization process, ignoring objects stored on removable storage volumes that were previously accessible to the first device but are not currently accessible to the first device.

- 27. One or more computer-readable media as recited in claim 25, wherein the removable storage volumes that are not currently accessible to the first device are removable memory cards configured to be inserted into the first device.
- 28. One or more computer-readable media as recited in claim 25 further comprising:

continuing to monitor and record changes to objects stored on removable storage volumes that were previously accessible to the first device but are not currently accessible to the first device.

- 29. An apparatus comprising:
- a communications module;
- a data store that contains a list of accessible storage volumes and inaccessible storage volumes of a peripheral computer; and
- a desktop synchronization manager coupled to the communications module and the data store, wherein the desktop synchronization manager is configured to synchronize objects stored on accessible storage volumes of the peripheral computer.

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- 30. An apparatus as recited in claim 29 wherein the inaccessible storage volumes are removable memory cards configured to be inserted into the apparatus.31. An apparatus as recited in claim 29 wherein the apparatus is desktop
- 32. An apparatus as recited in claim 29 wherein the desktop synchronization manager is configured to continue monitoring and recording changes to objects stored on inaccessible storage volumes.
- 33. An apparatus as recited in claim 29 wherein the desktop synchronization manager is configured to continue monitoring and recording changes to objects stored on inaccessible storage volumes, and wherein the desktop synchronization manager is further configured to synchronize objects stored on inaccessible storage volumes after an inaccessible storage volume becomes accessible.

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